

Updates

MidCoast TMDLs

CZARA – May 15 deadline for to save funding – Forestry measure will not be met by that time – will EPA accept signs of progress?

Ray J of ODA asked what would not be done because of the funding loss.

Greg A ODEQ wondered whether the requirements are suitable for Oregon, since they are based on practices in Washington state which is more urban.

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ODF rulemaking - Have set up a process for evaluating data independent of the comments/interpretations in published studies. Looked through 1,400 publications, 25 had data, 9 had shade data, 7 had water temperature data and 9 had both.

Looking at 3 types of alternatives:

- No cut buffers
- Variable retention buffers
- Plan for alternative practices

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ODA Strategy

This strategy is to improve on the previous dependence on complaints to discover issues. Neighbors don't complain, very often.

Objective is to characterize what status is in ag lands; no \$ for monitoring; goal is not to issue penalties but to achieve voluntary improvements by land owners through information

What can be measured:

- % of lands managed according to goals and objectives of Basin Plans
- % of lands in compliance with Basin Rules
- Water quality across all ag lands in basin
- Sources of pollution – human versus natural.

Plan is to use publicly accessible aerial photos with follow up field checks from public vantage points (access issues on private land)

There are two ODA pilot areas – Clackamas and Wasco Counties, plan is to study for 4 years.

30% – 50% of small streams observed in photos do not show up in field surveys.

Looking into using LIDAR where available.

Policy Discussion

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